



# THE WOLFE REPORT

## GENERAL WOLFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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February 7 <sup>th</sup>	PAC meeting	6:30 pm in the library
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	BC Family Day holiday	School closed
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Casino Night-tickets available on line	7pm Anza Club
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Day	Students do not attend
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kindergarten info night for parents	6:45 in the library
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ready Set Learn Event for 3 to 5 year olds in the Neighbourhood.	1:30-2:30 in the library
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school before Spring Break	March 13 to March 24
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens from Spring Break	

Dear Families;



Happy Lunar New Year! Welcome to the Year of the Rooster. Students did not have school yesterday, and staff participated in a thought provoking and informative session on the new curriculum, with a focus on the Core Competencies, with presenter Linda O'Reilly. It was a great presentation, packed with ideas and resources.

Kindergarten registration for in-catchment students is finished today and we have had 50 Kindergarten students apply (the same number as at this time last year). Cross boundary applications start on February 1st and continues to the end of the month. Wolfe has been designated by the VSB as a 'full' school and I will be consulting with Rob Schindel, our Director of Instruction before accepting any cross boundary students. Simon Fraser and Edith Cavell again have many more kindergarten students than they can accommodate, so we may be welcoming some students from those schools to Wolfe.

Our seismic project is still at the stage where we are still waiting for information about temporary accommodation solution before the next step of completing the cost for seismic upgrade option and finalizing the options cost comparison."



Our annual skating program has started. Thank you to the PAC for their generous support of this event. All classes have 3 sessions booked before Spring Break. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for their support in tying skates and skating with the students.

This Thursday we are participating in Global Playday. This activity was a great hit last year, and planning is underway with students and staff. This was partly inspired by the TEDx talk by Peter Gray talk on the decline of play



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg-GEzM7iTk> . More information on Global School Play day can be found at <http://www.assistedshift.com/>.



Basketball season is well underway-we just completed the second week of league play. Thank you very much to the teacher and parent coaches and sponsors who make this possible.

Thank you

*Susan Nichols*

Principal



## Family Holidays During the School Year



Regular attendance at school is important for the progression through the educational program. The students' regular attendance ensures they receive the proper mix of instruction, practice and review to master the skills and material at each grade level. Absences such as family emergencies and illnesses are unavoidable, and teachers will work with the students and their families to catch up on missed instruction.

Family holidays scheduled during instructional time are another issue. These holidays are often important times to connect with each other, distant family members, and friends. They can also expose students to new experiences and cultures, which can be very valuable. When considering a trip during instructional time, families must weigh the value of the trip against the missed instructional time.

Teachers cannot be responsible for providing exercises and work to complete the curriculum when a family is on holiday. For students in younger grades, keeping a journal, doing daily reading and working on real life math skills will generally support the child's learning during an absence. In older grades, students may wish to email a buddy to find the math concepts that are being taught and work on these areas. As well, reading and keeping a daily journal will also help support their learning.

We appreciate being informed of when you are going on holiday. If there are themes or concepts that are going to be worked on, the teacher may be able to share them in advance, but please do not ask the teacher to provide assigned work during these absences.

## SAFETY REMINDERS

- Supervision of students ends at 3:20pm each day. If you have given your children permission to remain on the grounds after 3:20pm, please send a written note to the office.
- Please remind and encourage your children to use crosswalks when coming to school. Our safety patrol monitors have been trained by the Vancouver Police Department and are patrolling on Ontario Street before and after school.

## Winter Weather – School Closure Information

Parents should be aware that when snow is expected overnight the VSB monitors the weather and road conditions carefully and has a thorough system in place to do an evaluation of transportation routes well before schools open in the morning. There is also a well-established communications system in the district and between surrounding school districts.



In the unlikely event that schools are impacted or closed by snow, the district website and local radio stations are the best sources of information. Should there be a heavy snowfall, your best sources of information are the following radio and TV stations:

CKNW (980 AM)

CBC RADIO (690 AM, 105.7 FM)

FAIRCHILD Radio (CJVB AM 1470/CKHG FM 96.1)

CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM)

BCTV/Global (Cable Channel 11)

CITY TV (cable channel 13)

## **February's Social Responsibility Focus is Kindness!**

**Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.**

**Congratulations! You are practicing kindness when you:**

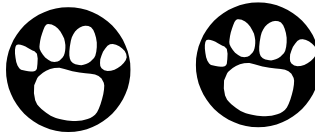
- **smile and greet people when you walk down the hall and street**
- **take care of yourself and the people and things around you**
- **help friends and family when they need it**
- **speak and act with care and thoughtfulness**
- **share with others**

**"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Mark Twain**

## **WOLFE CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Be PAWSitive**

- **Polite**
- **Accountable**
- **Welcoming**
- **Safe**



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